

Additional Reference Label Generation Rulesets (LGRs) for the Second Level

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Section I: General Overview and Next Steps

To improve the transparency and consistency of the Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) table review process and facilitate the registry operations of new gTLDs, ICANN has developed four additional reference IDN Tables in machine-readable format, called reference Label Generation Rulesets (LGRs) for the second level. The reference IDN tables are based on the [Guidelines for Developing Reference Label Generation Rules \(LGRs\)](#), which were finalized after [community review](#). These will be used in reviewing IDN tables submitted by the gTLD registries, e.g., through the Registry Service Evaluation Policy (RSEP) process.

Section II: Contributors

At the time this report was prepared, a total of two (2) community submissions had been posted to the forum. The contributors, both individuals and organizations/groups, are listed below in chronological order by posting date with initials noted. To the extent that quotations are used in the foregoing narrative (Section III), such citations will reference the contributor's initials.

Organizations and Groups:

Name	Submitted by	Initials
Sinhala Generation Panel	Harsha Wijayawardhana, Chair	SGP
gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group	Elizabeth Bacon, Vice Chair, Policy	RySG

Individuals: None

Section III: Summary of Comments

General Disclaimer: This section intends to summarize broadly and comprehensively the comments submitted to this public comment proceeding but does not address every specific position stated by each contributor. The preparer recommends that readers interested in specific aspects of any of the summarized comments, or the full context of others, refer directly to the specific contributions at the link referenced above (View Comments Submitted).

SGP: SGP supports the Sinhala reference LGR for the second level.

RySG: RySG appreciates the opportunity to review the reference LGRs for the second level. RySG reiterates that a balance between security and usability remains important and further notes that while registries strive to support predictability in practices and operations, there remains no contractual requirement for registries to adopt ICANN reference LGRs. RySG looks forward to further discussions on developing a process for adopting reference LGRs within the multistakeholder policy development process.

Section IV: Analysis of Comments

General Disclaimer: This section intends to provide an analysis and evaluation of the comments submitted along with explanations regarding the basis for any recommendations provided within the analysis.

ICANN org thanks all contributors for their valuable input and feedback and thanks SGP for its support of the Sinhala reference LGR.

In response to the comments from the RySG, ICANN org notes that the reference LGRs are pre-vetted for security and stability considerations and are intended to help facilitate the registry operations.

The work has been guided by the community-based panels during the development of the [Root Zone Label Generation Rules \(RZ-LGRs\)](#). The panels were open for participation by the relevant language and script community experts, technology experts, public sector, businesses, ccTLD managers, gTLD registry operators, and end-user community.

These reference LGRs are designed to be comprehensive enough that they do not require further additions to be useful and, at the same time, they are relatively conservative as per the technical guidance. This should enable registries to adopt these LGRs either as is, or to take them as the basis for further modifications or enhancements to suit their business needs.